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INTEGRATED DISEASE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the main objectives of the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme;

(b) whether the programme has failed to achieve its objective;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the steps taken to revamp the implementation of the above programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP) is a decentralized, State based system of surveillance for communicable and non-communicable disease. IDSP objective is to improve efficiency of the existing surveillance activities and detect disease trends over time and evaluate control strategies. The major components of IDSP include strengthening of laboratories, use of information technology to collect, compile & analyze data and training of rapid response terms to investigate and control the outbreak.

(b) to (d): IDSP States are still in various stages of establishing their surveillance systems and the data inflow is at initial stage, IDSP, when fully implemented is expected to detect early warning signals of impending outbreaks and assist in timely and effective response. Under IDSP Laboratories have been strengthened by provision of equipment and manpower. IT network is being established and all districts Surveillance Units, State headquarter and Government Medical Colleges are being inter-linked for surveillance data collection and analysis. Weekly disease surveillance reports are being received regularly from about 250 districts. Data analysis and action are being taken by respective districts.

1532 Programme Officers/RRT have been trained. Medical Officers, MPWs and laboratory Technicians have also been trained in IDSP

A centralized Call Centre with a toll free number is also being established to provide information on unusual events/outbreaks to the call centre at any time.